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It is therefore desired to direct particular attention to the necessity of providing suitable dumping sites for the mud carried seaward by the river in times of flood, where it may be deposited beyond the banks of the stream without injury, through or over suitable weirs, and be retained by impounding dikes in the low swampy regions to their advantage.

The question is similar in its general features and effects to that prevailing at the inlets along alluvial coasts, where it was the practice to attempt the removal of the bars by jetties in pairs, supplemented by dredging; but which method has not been able to meet fully the demands of modern vessels, so that recourse is now being had to the control of the heavier earthy materials which compose these obstructions, in such manner as to protect the channels from their encroachments and cause the single concave jetty to construct and maintain much greater depths than exist in a state of nature.

Stated Meeting, March 18, 1904.

President SMITH in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Marquis de Nadaillac accepting his appointment as the Society's representative at the celebration of the Centenary of the Société Nationale des Antiquaires de France.

The decease was announced of William Marriott Canby, of Wilmington, Del., on March 10, 1904, æt. 73.

Prof. Felix E. Schelling read a paper on "The Academic Drama in the Age of Elizabeth and James."